1 The Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 9 KING COUNTY, a Washington municipal No. 2:14-cv-01957-BJR 10 corporation, ORDER GRANTING UNITED STATES 11 Plaintiff, AIRCRAFT INSURANCE GROUP'S 12 MOTION FOR ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND BARRING VS. 13 CONTRIBUTION CLAIMS TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY; et 14 al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 This matter comes before the Court on the motion of Defendant United States Aircraft 18 Insurance Group, including its relevant current and past member companies, in their capacity 19 as such, that are defendants in this action (collectively, "USAIG") for an Order Approving 20 Settlement and Barring Contribution Claims. The Court has considered the Motion and all 21 pleadings and filings on record. 22 The Court GRANTS USAIG's Motion for Order Approving Settlement and Barring 23

The Court GRANTS USAIG's Motion for Order Approving Settlement and Barring Contribution Claims and APPROVES the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release ("Settlement Agreement") between Plaintiff King County and USAIG with regard to King County's claims for coverage under USAIG's policies. The Court further FINDS and ORDERS:

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- 1. The Settlement Agreement is reasonable and is the result of arm's-length negotiations between parties represented by counsel. The Settlement Agreement is not collusive, inadequate, or entered into for any other improper purpose.
- 2. Any non-settling insurers are adequately protected based on the terms of the Settlement Agreement and King County's representations related to potential setoff for the settlements in this case. *See King County v. Travelers Indem. Co.*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 64763, at *14 (W.D. Wash. April 16, 2018).
- 3. The Court ORDERS that the cross-claims and counterclaims by and against USAIG under USAIG's policies in this action are DISMISSED with prejudice. The Court further ORDERS that any other claims for contribution, allocation, subrogation, and equitable indemnity, and any other cause of action in connection with this action against USAIG under USAIG's policies by any other insurers of King County are hereby BARRED.
- 4. The Court DIRECTS that this Order shall be entered as a final judgment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED: September 5, 2019.

Barbara Jacobs Rothstein U.S. District Court Judge

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